House Resolution No. 342

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself through many years of excellence in the workplace; and

Whereas, Ross Sinkclear, an esteemed resident of Paris, Missouri, officially retired from National Refractories on January 5, 2003, after a successful career that spanned an incredible forty-seven years; and

Whereas, Ross Sinkclear was hired at the former J.B. Arthur's in April of 1955, since which time he has successfully completed the duties and tasks placed before him in the dry press area for approximately ten years, the kiln department for a couple of years, and the garage, where he worked until his much-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, Ross Sinkclear celebrated both his retirement and Sixty-fifth Birthday at a party thrown by his brother and sister-in-law, Albert and Jean Sinkclear, on January 4, 2003, at Lake Village in Paris; and

Whereas, guests attending the combination retirement-birthday festivities were former employees of the refractories and their spouses, Edward Schulte, Lewis and Hildia Cox, Raymond and Nina Hildebrand, Kenneth and Patty Welch, and Thomas and Jean Roberts, all of whom enjoyed reminiscing about the past and sharing special memories of their work and of their friendship in a lighthearted, humorous fashion; and

Whereas, Ross Sinkclear looks forward to his retirement so that he may have more opportunities to include in his favorite hobbies and more time to spend with his devoted wife, Roni; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Ross Sinkclear, a remarkable individual and stellar employee who will be greatly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with him:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Ross Sinkclear for his forty-seven years of exemplary employment with National Refractories, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable, and relaxing retirement he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ross Sinkclear.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 342, adopted February 12, 2003.